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SUBJ: ARAFAT ARRIVAL

1. AIR ALGERIE 707, WITH SABENA CREW, ARRIVED JFK 0620

NOV. 13 WITH ARAFAT AND PARTY OF 13. ARAFAT MET ONLY BY

KADDUMI AND KAMAL, MEMBERS OF DEL WHO ARRIVED NOV. 12.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES AT REMOTE JFK SITE, UNDER VERY HEAVY

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GUARD, WENT SMOOTHLY. ARAFAT, ABU HASSAN, KADDUMI AND TWO OR

THREE BODYGUARDS WERE MOVED BY SECRET SERVICEMEN IN TWO
ARMY HELICOPTERS TO UN GROUNDS, WHERE MEDIA REPS
BUT NO CROWDS WERE GATHERED. THEY ARRIVED SHORTLY BEFORE
0700. 18-CAR MOTORCADE, WITH HELICOPTER ESCORTS, CARRIED
REMAINING MEMBERS OF PARTY ALONG ROUTE COMPLETELY CLEARED
(FOR THIRD TIME IN THREE DAYS) OF RUSH-HOUR TRAFFIC. ENTIRE
PARTY PLUS KADDUMI AND KAMAL NOW RESTING IN UN BUILDING
WHERE THEY WILL BE JOINED BY REMAINDER OF DEL PRIOR
ARAFAT'S SPEECH AT APPROXIMATELY 12 NOON. ARAFAT AND PARTY
ARRIVED DRESSED FOR WINTER (ARAFAT WEARING AFGHAN HAT
INSTEAD KAFFIYAH) AND NO WEAPONS WERE VISIBLE AT JFK
OR UN BUILDING.

2. AMB. MEGUID TOLD AMB. SCHAUFLELE EVENING NOV. 12 THAT THOSE
ATTENDING ARAB LEAGUE MEETING AT UN NOV. 12 SPOKE WARMLY AND
VERY FAVORABLY OF USG ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLO DEL.
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